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SUBJECT: MEETING OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND FORD

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA AND I HAD OVER HOUR LONG CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 18 DEVOTED MAINLY TO PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF ISSUES WHICH MIGHT ARISE DURING APRIL 19 MEETING OF PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND FORD. CHONA STRESSED NEED FOR MEETING TO BE "SUCCESS IN TERMS OF CONCRETE RESULTS", AND HOPED COMPLETE FRANKNESS WOULD CHARACTERIZE EXCHANGES. WE AGREED THERE WERE NO OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND U.S. BUT THERE A NUMBER OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES WHERE AIRING OF RESPECTIVE POSITIONS WOULD BE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS. HIGH ON LIST WERE INDIVIDUAL RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION AND CHINA AND HOW THESE BEING USED IN SEARCH FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST, ASIA AND ELSEWHERE. CHONA SAID ZAMBIANS WOULD WELCOME U.S. EXPOSITION OF ITS ECONOMIC POLICIES FOR COMBATING WORLD INFLATION, ENERGY CRISIS AND FOOD SHORTAGES. KAUNDA WOULD INDICATE PROBLEMS POSED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. CHONA SAID PRESIDENT KAUNDA WOULD SURELY RAISE QUESTION OF NEED FOR INDIAN OCEAN TO BE SEA OF PEACE. WHILE CHONA SAID HE PERSONALLY UNDERSTOOD U.S. REASONS FOR EXPANDING NAVAL FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA HE FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT TWO PRESIDENTS EXCHANGE IDEAS SO THAT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF LITTLE POWERS BORDERING INDIAN OCEAN BE LOOKED AT
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ALONGSIDE CONCERNS OF SUPERPOWERS. HE NOTED THAT

FUTURE OF MOGADISCIO, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS OF CONCERN TO BOTH BIG AND SMALL POWERS.

3. IN PERSONAL VEIN CHONA WONDERED IF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S VISIT TO CUBA EN ROUTE TO JAMAICA WOULD IN ANY WAY BE EMBARRASSING TO U.S. HE CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THIS IN NO WAY CONSTITUTED OFFICIAL INQUIRY. HE HOPED THE UNITED STATES MIGHT OFFER AN EXPLANATION OF ITS POLICY TOWARD CUBA. I CLARIFIED THAT AS LONG AS CASTRO PURSUED A POLICY OF SUBVERSION AND REVOLUTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA THE VOID BETWEEN US WOULD CONTINUE. I NOTED RECENT TRENDS WITHIN THE OAS SUGGESTING A SHIFT IN POSITION OF SOME AMERICAN STATES TOWARD CUBA, BUT EXPLAINED THIS WAS NOT A MAJORITY VIEW IN OAS. CHONA LISTENED AND MADE NO COMMENT.

4. TURNING TO SOUTHERN AFRICA I SAID I WAS SURE PRESIDENT FORD WOULD WANT TO INVITE PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF DECOLONIZATION AND CURRENT MOVES TOWARD MAJORITY RULE IN THIS PART OF WORLD WHERE KAUNDA HAD PLAYED MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE HISTORIC POLITICAL CHANGES IN PORTUGAL IN APRIL 1974. CHONA SAID KAUNDA WOULD WILLINGLY OBLIGE AND IN TURN WOULD WANT TO HEAR FROM PRESIDENT FORD ON U.S. POLICIES TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA, MOST ESPECIALLY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE OF KEY ROLE THAT COUNTRY CAN AND SHOULD PLAY IN THE POLITICAL EVOLUTION OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA AND RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA.
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